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CNI Consolidates Cell Phones into One Contract

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Since the turn of the century, the need for fast and effective communication in the Navy has brought the use of e-mail and cellular phones to the forefront. So, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNI), in conjunction with Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) San Diego, Calif., designed a plan to put cell phones under one contract the Nation-wide/Navy-wide Wireless Contract (NNWC).

According to Jeff Huskey, CNI Deputy Chief Information Officer, CNI and FISC teamed up to provide a better solution to the current wireless system "We needed to find a way to provide better service for our customers and do so under one common contract," he said.

Currently, there are approximately 10,000 cell phone lines being used throughout the CNI claimancy. The total cost was approximately \$6.4 million a year. This new contract will reduce more than 233 contracts throughout the claimancy to one and will reduce service providers from 125 to three

The new contract calls for nationwide service with three domestic carriers, and has a potential value of \$100 million over five years, according to Huskey. The three providers are Cingular Wireless, Nextel Communications and Verizon Wireless.

Some of the goals for this new structure are: aggressive pricing that is lower than current GSA pricing and other commercially available pricing, pooled minutes to allow cell phone users to combine monthly minutes into one pool that can be utilized by each participant under a specific task order, and flexible cellular plans that allow a variety of customers within the Navy to select the best economic solution given their particular usage (i.e., push-to-talk, long distance, roaming, etc.)

According to other provisions in the new contract, CNI will pay the bill once all the

regions certify their own usage. "CNI's plan to pay for this is to pull the funding allocated for cellular service from each region in order to centralize payment," said Huskey.

According to Huskey, the intent of the new contract is to leverage Navy buying power and effectively manage cell phone usage CNI-wide and possibly Navy-wide. This contract is open to all future Navy activities, he added.



African-American History Month

February is African-American History Month, and is an appropriate time to reflect on the central role African-Americans play in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in our Nation's history. African-Americans have upheld the ideals of America, defended our homeland and enriched American culture and society. Today there are more than 75,000 African-Americans on active duty in the Navy, with thousands more serving proudly in the Naval Reserves. They work, train, lead and contribute every day in the finest tradition of the Heroes who preceded them.

During National African-American History Month, we honor the heritage and accomplishments of African-Americans and recognize their extraordinary contributions to the DON, DOD and the United States.

Rear Adm. Chris Weaver

Navy Installation Spotlight

Guam

Navy Region Marianas



Guam is home to numerous Navy commands supporting the Pacific Fleet. On October 1, 1994, Naval Station and Naval Magazine, Guam, were consolidated into Naval Activities, Guam. Then in 2004, the name was changed again to Naval Base Guam.

Despite the name change, Naval Base Guam remains a pivotal point of strength and sea power for the western Pacific by playing host to several key tenant commands, as well as serving as the home of submarine tender USS Frank Cable. The former Naval Magazine, now known as the Ordnance Annex, is located in the south-central section of the island and occupies an area of 8,800 acres. It is designated as a wildlife refuge and provides support to units of the Pacific Fleet operating in the Western Pacific.

U.S. Naval Forces Marianas oversees the U.S. Navy's largest and most strategic island base located in the Western Pacific. U.S. Naval Forces Marianas is 3,300 miles west of Hawaii. It is home to over 160,000 residents and more than 12,000 military members and their families. Guam is the most populated island in the geographical area known as Micronesia. U.S. Naval Forces Marianas serves as the representative to [Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet](#). They are the regional coordinator for all shore-based naval personnel and shore activities in Guam as well as the Navy's representative to the Guam community.

The complex consists of numerous Naval commands. Those commands are Guam Naval Activities (NAVACTS), formerly the Naval Station (NS) and NAVMAG; the Naval Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC); the Naval Ship Repair Facility (NSRF); and the Public Works Center (PWC).

Navy "IDEA"

Demonstration Project

Announced

By Naval Supply Systems Corporate Communications Office

The Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and Naval District Washington (NDW) in cooperation with Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNI), launched a new idea management system demonstration project Jan. 18 called Navy IDEA.

The Web-based system, which will enable Sailors and Navy civilian personnel to contribute ideas, also features a suite of tools for collecting, evaluating, communicating, tracking, sharing and rewarding ideas. The program was developed in response to the Chief of Naval Operations' Guidance for 2004 that calls for revitalizing the Navy's Beneficial Suggestions Program.

In support of its mission to improve installation effectiveness, CNI will be the first participant in the demonstration project. The project will kick off at CNI Headquarters; Commander, Navy Region Northeast; and Naval District Washington. The demonstration will run through the end of April 2005.



Ariana L. Whittemore, deputy director, Material Readiness and Logistics visited CNI HQ to present The Meritorious Service Medal to Lieutenant Joel K. Sensening, SRM Budget Execution Officer for CNI, for meritorious service while serving a tour of duty at the Pentagon.

DoD Launches “America Supports You” Web Site

On Nov. 19, 2004, the Department of Defense launched a nationwide program, “America Supports You,” and new Web site to showcase the many activities taking place across the nation in support of the troops. The Web site, which highlights organizations and individuals coordinating local and national support efforts, has logged nearly a million hits since its inception.

Individual citizens, businesses, schools, veterans groups and others have visited the site <http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil> to register their activities, send a message to the troops and identify programs of support in their own communities.

Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for internal communications and public liaison, said that while the Department of Defense knew that many of these programs existed, “the “America Supports You” Web site has proven to be a useful tool in helping to link people and programs, and more importantly, to share these stories of support with the people who need to hear them most – the men and women serving overseas. The feedback from our troops has been tremendous, just as the outpouring of support from the American

people has been overwhelming.”

Americans can join “America Supports You” by visiting the site and registering their activities, large or small, in support of the troops. Everyone who registers receives an official “America Supports You” dog tag that people can wear as a visible symbol of support for the troops.

The dog tags have been seen across the country, worn by celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Wayne Newton, and worn by every day citizens at national events, such as the Macy’s Day Thanksgiving Parade, the Fiesta Bowl and the New Year’s Eve Celebration in Times Square.

Barber also suggests that businesses, schools, churches, corporations and individuals add the <http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil> link to their Web sites. “Service members and their families have told us how much they are inspired by the messages of support from all across the nation that are posted each day. Whether you post a message on the site, or team up with a local group organizing care packages, each and every activity sends the message loud and clear: “America Supports You.”



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Task Force Uniform Brings New Concepts to Pearl Harbor Sailors

By Journalist 3rd Class Ryan McGinley, Commander Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy distributed new working and service uniform concepts to approximately 120 Sailors assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) at Pearl Harbor Jan. 10-14.

According to Task Force Uniform (TFU) representatives, they will deliver concept uniforms to nearly 1,700 male and female Sailors at commands around the globe specially selected for the wear test, according to CNO-directed Command Master Chief (SS) Robert Carroll.

“I’ve talked to a number of Sailors here in the Hawaii region and they are pretty excited about this,” said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Manuel Rodriguez. “Now that we are unveiling things and now that the uniforms are actually available to touch, feel and wear, there’s a lot of excitement.”

In conjunction with the wear test, TFU said it will administer a fleetwide survey to gather points of view across the Navy on the service and working uniform designs.

“I think the six-month trial period is important to us, because it’s going to give us the opportunity to look at this and be able to be sure we are doing the right thing,” said Rodriguez. “Before we jump off and say ‘let’s do this,’ we need to see exactly if we like the look, if the Sailors like the look and if this is the right thing to do.”

The Sailors will follow a daily calendar describing which uniform to wear and participate in focus groups during the six-month period to voice their opinions on a variety of topics.

“I never had been given the opportunity when I came in [to the Navy] to have a say in the uniforms. To have this opportunity to have some kind of input before it actually came out for the whole Navy is exciting, so I jumped aboard,” said Cryptologic Technician (Administration) 1st Class Kiffanie Walker, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. “I think it’s very important that the Navy is not just making decisions at the top, but they are also including our input.”



Sailors arrive at Chevalier Hall building on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., directly from Basic Training at Great Lakes, Ill. Chevalier Hall is the home of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) and the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC). The building was devastated with heavy damage from Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. An official ribbon cutting ceremony took place Jan. 27, 2005, as the building was returned to the Navy for training. Photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Mark A. Ebert (RELEASED)

CNIq

By Lt. Brian Weinthal, JAGC

After a quick respite, the CNIq is back on the public airwaves. I'm sorry that the general population was forced to go without CNIq for a full month on end, but I figured that after the CNI Holiday Poem, my creative juices needed a slight recharge on the home front.

No entries yet – for any of the various CNIq submissions. At this point, the contest is just begging for a champion to step forward, and I'm thinking that this month might be an outstanding opportunity. I've made the competition easy this time. The answers are right in front of you – all you'll have to do is unscramble the names of various command members to win. The first person to do so becomes the first official CNIq champion.

This is the same drill as in previous months. The first one to submit the correct answers wins. Please return your correct answers to my e-mail address. Best of luck to all you "brainiacs" out there who make the attempt...

Just unscramble the first and last names of these command members to win...

- 1.) ZREAOLTGO
- 2.) MAATKMTHEALR
- 3.) NOBETALIESSEJ
- 4.) LRUDELERIHCSGA
- 5.) LRAEGIDEIZHRR
- 6.) AELSRACTHREMLC
- 7.) LUATHLRH
- 8.) TLALIEIARCNVECN
- 9.) EAITAIHWNLNRB
- 10.) VNAAONTDNOKYRH

2005 SeaBee Ball to be held March 5

The Chief of Civil Engineers invites you to attend the 2005 Anniversary Ball celebrating the 63rd year of the Seabees, the 138th year of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 163rd year of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. The event will be held Saturday, March 5, 2005, in the Arlington Ballroom at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. Telephone: (703) 920-3230.

There will be a no-host cocktail hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm and a formal Ceremony at 8:30 pm. The dancing will conclude at 1 am.

Dress or Uniform

Officers - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket CPOs - Dinner Dress Blue E1-E6 - Dinner Dress Blue Jumper- Civilians - Black Tie.

For additional information and ticket prices contact Lt Joel Sensenig (CNI) at (202) 433-4397.



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